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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General F. J. Sutterlin
Deputy Director
Directorate of Operations, DCS/O
Department of the Air Force

SUBJECT : Meeting of 24 March 1958

REFERENCE : AFOOP-OC-R Memorandum for the Record,
dated 7 April 1958 (TH-0710-8)

1. The referenced memorandum has introduced the items discussed at the subject meeting quite appropriately, and I am in general agreement therewith. However, there are a few points which I believe require some clarification or possibly rephrasing in order that Project AQUATONE activities are not adversely affected.

2. With respect to paragraph 4. b. of the reference, your memorandum correctly sets forth our present plan, and I wish to reaffirm that we have no intention of undertaking a major program of Elint missions. On the other hand, we may find it necessary to run more than one sortie in a particular area in order to prove out equipment or to seek specific information for planning a penetration or exit point. Any such operations will, however, be coordinated in advance with the proper military offices.

3. With respect to paragraph 4. d. of the reference, my understanding is in full agreement with yours that if an extended program of

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Eliant missions were to be undertaken with the U-2 aircraft, I would expect this to be the responsibility of the Air Force. In such event, we would transfer any equipment surplus to our needs to the Air Force. It is possible, however, that this Agency would have a need to retain much of the AQUATONE equipment for other purposes even if the Air Force should undertake a sizable Eliant program employing U-2 aircraft.

4. I am in full agreement with the other paragraphs of your memorandum, in particular with paragraphs 4. a. and 4. c.

SIGNED

C. P. CABELL
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director

CONCUR:

SIGNED

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